

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

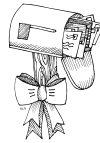
Saturday, July 4 th ,	5:00 PM	1 st Anniversary – George Giusti
Sunday, July 5 th ,	7:00 AM	In Memory – Antonette Riccitelli
	8:00 AM	In Memory – Gary & Walter Good
	10:00 AM	In Memory – John W. Koza
Monday, July 6 th ,	9:00 AM	In memory – Members of the McKnight Family
Tuesday, July 7 th ,	9:00 AM	Pro Populo
Thursday, July 9 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Mildred Mahoney
Saturday, July 11 th ,	9:00 AM	Marriage & Family Life
	5:00 PM	1 st Anniversary – Barbara Maroney
Sunday, July 12 th ,	7:00 AM	In Memory - Dick & Libbie Jackson
	8:00 AM	Members of the Smith Family
	10:00 AM	Anniversary – James Axon

St. Veronica Chapel

Saturday, July 4 th ,	4:00 PM	In Memory – Joseph & Kathleen Carty
Sunday, July 5 th ,	7:30 AM	Special Intention
	9:00 AM	In Memory – John Mitchell
	11:00 AM	In Memory – Ted White
	8:00 PM	In Memory – Donald & Alice Smith
Monday, July 6 th ,	8:00 AM	3 rd Anniversary – Judy Golden
Wednesday, July 8 th ,	8:00 AM	In Memory – John Mitchell
Thursday, July 9 th ,	8:00 AM	Anniversary – Mary Griffin
Friday, July 10 th ,	8:00 AM	Pro Populo
Saturday, July 11 th ,	4:00 PM	1 st Anniversary – Anthony Moretti
Sunday, July 12 th ,	7:30 AM	In Memory – Grace McKenna
	9:00 AM	In Memory – Ray Lydon
	11:00 AM	In Memory – Austin & Madeleine Donnelly
	8:00 PM	Birthday Remembrance - Charles McLeod



Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. - Mk 6:4-5



From the Mailbag
 Thank you for thinking of me. Time flies!! I just celebrated my 57th Anniversary of Ordination and my 82nd birthday.
 God Bless,
 Fr. Ralph Hogan.

ANNUAL COLLECTION

This weekend, our second collection is the Annual Collection for the support of Saint Thomas More and Saint Veronica Chapel. This is the central collection for the year and we depend on it to meet our financial needs throughout the year.

We depend on your generous support to maintain and improve our programs and facilities. Please give generously to the Annual Collection. There are extra envelopes available at the church entrances. Thank you for the magnificent expression of faith reflected in your weekly presence and participation at liturgies, your willingness to offer your time and talent in response to parish programs and your loyal financial support to our beloved parish.

Remarks by Joseph Cavanagh, Esq. upon receiving the first ever St. Thomas More Narragansett medal, from the 10:00AM solemn Mass on June 21, 2009.

Bishop Mulvee, Msg. Halloran, Fr. Taillon, Members of the Parish of St. Thomas More, invited guests, family and friends: I am blessed and humbled to be the first recipient of this special medal which serves to remind us of the life of the great Saint and martyr, Thomas More. To celebrate his feast at this Mass, on Father's Day, is particularly fitting, because Thomas More was the loving father of 4 children, 3 daughters and one son. He protected and cared for them, educated them, and thus allowed them to grow up realizing that they were free and loved children of God. All Fathers can be inspired by his example of fatherhood and family life and today all of us can thank God in a special way for the gift of fathers in our lives. St. Thomas More has been a special saint in my life. My confirmation name is Thomas, after him. At a young age I learned about him from my own father, who, like More was a brilliant lawyer and a deeply spiritual man. He imparted to me the importance of God's presence in my life. I recall with great fondness often walking with my father when I was a young boy on the beach just a few short miles from here. He talked of our Lord's great love for me and for all people. He taught me about divine filiation – that God was like a father to each of us. In speaking about Saint Thomas More, my father highlighted More's great sense of humor and stressed the importance of never taking oneself too seriously. As a teenager, I was struck by the powerful, award winning film about More, "A Man for All Seasons". It had a lasting impact on me. In fact, I apparently tried too often to pass some of this on to my kids, because it became a family mantra that when someone suggested renting a movie, they all recited in unison, "No Dad – not 'A Man for All Seasons'! again". I suppose that Thomas More is known most for having given his life at age 57 as a martyr because he refused to buckle and recognize King Henry VIII as the Supreme Head of the Church and to approve of the King's illicit marriage. It was a unique act of commitment to his faith. It was a witness that has lived on down through the ages. Certainly, he is an inspiration and an ideal model for lawyers as he was the most distinguished lawyer of his time. His thirst for knowledge, his writings, his impact on philosophy, his intellectual capacity, were all talents that attracted admiration. His honesty, fairness and kindness are virtues worthy of emulation for today's lawyers and public officials who work in an increasingly secular culture where ethical and moral values are often discarded. However, it seems to me that the most remarkable aspect of this Saint is that he fully used his God-given talents in order to lift up those around him. One can discern in the many and varied biographies and commentaries written about him down through the centuries that there are certain virtues and practices that he applied daily in order to live his life as a child of God, a fact that he fully embraced and integrated into his way of living. An examination of his life reveals that more than anything else he had an intense spiritual life. He prayed every day, he regularly received the sacraments, the Eucharist and confession, he had a spiritual director, he had regular mortifications, such as fasting, and even wearing a hair shirt. Doing all of this to bring himself more in communion with his Father in Heaven. He frequently meditated on the Passion and Death of Jesus in order to deepen his love for God. However, he struggled like all of us. His prayer was not always

easy. It is actually encouraging to us to hear More, the Saint, say: "take from me, good Lord, this lukewarm fashion of meditation, and this dullness in praying unto Thee. And give me the grace to long for thy holy sacraments and especially to rejoice in the presence of thy Blessed Body sweet Savior Christ, in the holy sacrament of the Altar". God was the center of his life from which everything else flowed. This unified approach with a supernatural outlook enabled him to remain serene, peaceful and secure no matter what went wrong, no matter what hardship he faced. For example, the tremendous worldly disgrace of stepping down as Chancellor of England was handled by Thomas More with dignity and humility. The loss of wealth and prestige was not important to him. He remained the same warm and upbeat person, caring for those closest to him and cherishing the opportunities to share and build relationships. His solid spiritual life gave him a rock-hard foundation which was unshakeable when the storms and hurricanes of life hit. As he wrote to his daughter, Margaret: "Nothing can come but what God wills. And I am sure that whatsoever that may be, however bad it may appear, it shall indeed be the best." In 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed St. Thomas More to be the patron of statesmen and politicians. In offering this man's life to the world as an example, the Pope said: This English statesman placed his own public activity at the service of the person, especially if that person was weak or poor; he dealt with social controversies with a superb sense of fairness; he was vigorously committed to favoring and defending the family; he supported the all-round education of the young. His profound detachment from honors and wealth, his serene and joyful humility, his balanced knowledge of human nature and of the vanity of success, his certainty of judgment rooted in faith: these all gave him that confident inner strength that sustained him in adversity and in the face of death. His sanctity shone forth in his martyrdom, but it had been prepared by an entire life of work devoted to God and neighbor. "In short, St. Thomas More stands as a sign of hope and strength for those of us struggling to follow Christ in today's secularist and material culture. Now more than ever each of us in his own unique way, wherever God has placed us, needs to stand up for what we believe in. We need to defend life. We need to defend family life. We need to defend marriage as a lasting, complimentary, loving relationship between a man and a woman. In closing let me say that although I am humbled to receive this undeserved recognition, I am thankful to Fr. Taillon and this parish for the celebration of the life of St. Thomas More. May this weekend encourage all of us to deepen our faith, to live as children of God, and to act in our families and communities with the conscience and courage of St. Thomas More.



ST. EDMUND'S ENDERS ISLAND
Day of Recollection

The theme for this day of Recollection is "Deeper into the Heart of God" on Tuesday, July 7th, from 10AM-3PM presented by Fr. Michael Najim. The cost is \$35.00 per person & includes 2 conferences, Mass, hot lunch is served and time to enjoy the beauty of Ender's Island. Please call 1-860-536-0565, ext. 110 to register.

JULY 5, 2009



WINE TASTING BY GASBARRO'S

When: Monday, July 13th

Time: 6:30-8:00PM

Where: St. Thomas More

Mark Gasbarro will be here to share his knowledge about various wines. The Social Committee will host this free, but limited event. Please reserve a place by calling the Parish Office or register on our website e-mail.



"SUMMER-TIME BLAST"

Vacation bible school 2009

Register Now!! Boys & Girls ages 4-11, mark your calendars for the week of August 10th - 14th - from 9:30AM-12:30PM - St. Thomas More. It will be lots of fun!! Registration forms are available in the Parish Office and at the Church entrances. Please register by July 31st. If you have any questions, call Sarah Cullen at 783-2113 or Jeanne Lydon at 294-7353. An adult volunteer is needed for teaching songs and hand motions as part of daily schedule.

2009 SUMMER BIBLE STUDY SERIES AT ST. VERONICA CHAPEL:

The Messiah: from King David of Israel to Jesus - The Story of David in the Books of 1st and 2nd Samuel in the Hebrew Bible

Meeting Dates: July 7, 14, 21 & 28; Aug. 4, 11, 18 & 25

Time: 8:30 AM to 10:00 on Tuesdays (follows the 8:00AM Mass)

This week's session is on the Introduction to 1 & 2 Samuel - The story of the peripatetic Ark of the Covenant. *Home Reading: 1 Samuel Chapters 8-15.*

All are welcome. For more information, please contact Maryann at 203-213-4809 or mmknag@aol.com.

Wedding Banns

I Matthew Domenico & Kimberly Bebyn